

WINSLOW RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.FOR THE YEAR 1947.

July, 1948.

To the Chairman & Councillors of
Winslow Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Lady & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the
annual report on the health and vital statistics for the year 1947.

An account of the sanitary circumstances of the district,
together with details of inspections made and nuisances abated
during the same period will be found in the report of your Sanitary
Inspector and Surveyor, Mr. Piper.

There was no great incidence of infectious disease during the
year, and no deaths directly due to infectious disease.

Facilities are available at the Infant Welfare Centres
throughout the district for protective immunisation against
diphtheria and whooping cough.

The area is extensively served by the Bucks Water Board.
Suspected well waters are promptly sampled through the agency of the
Emergency Public Health Laboratories at Oxford and Stoke Mandeville.
Every endeavour is made to get piped water supplies to dwellings,
dairies and cowsheds wherever practicable, and sewage conveyed by
the water carriage system from an increasing number of house
properties.

I should like to thank all Councillors for their willing
assistance, courtesy and helpful guidance in all matters connected
with public health in the district. Also to the Sanitary Inspector
and Surveyor and the public health staff for their loyal co-operation
throughout the year.

I am, Lady & Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS FOR 1947.

Medical Officer of Health

Dr. J.T.C. Sims-Roberts.

Medical Officer under Poor Law
Acts and Public Vaccination.

Dr. P.F. Rudd.

Sanitary Inspector & Surveyor.

Mr. C.S. Piper.

Assistant to the Sanitary Inspector. Mr. P.O. Clarke.

Public Health Clerk.

Miss G. Yeo.

EXTRACT OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1947.

Live Births. Total 132.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate	60	67	127
Illegitimate	2	3	5

Still Births.

Legitimate	2	-	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Deaths of Infants.

Under 1 year of age	3	2	5
Puerperal Sepsis	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Diarrhoea under 2 years	1	-	1

Birth rate per thousand 18.8

Death rate " " 16.5

Infant Mortality rate per thousand live births 37.8

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres).	36,260
Population.	7,016
Number of inhabited houses 31st Dec. 1947 (according to rate book)	2,234
Rateable Value (31st Dec. 1947)	£29,513
Sum represented by Penny Rate (31st March 1948)	£109

PATHOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS. LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The arrangement is continued for medical practitioners in this district to enjoy the facilities provided by the Emergency Public Health Laboratory, Oxford.

The laboratory at the Ministry of Pensions, Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Aylesbury, continues to examine and report upon pathological, milk and water samples submitted by statutory officers for bacteriological examination.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

Arrangements are made by the Bucks County Council for the immunisation of children under one year, and of school age, free of charge. This is carried out by general practitioners and at Infant Welfare Centres and schools. 132 children were immunised during the year.

The district being essentially rural is also served by a mobile immunisation clinic recently provided. Infant Welfare Centres serving the district are held at Winslow, Bletchley, Buckingham and Steeple Claydon.

HOSPITALS SERVING THE DISTRICT.

General.

Royal Bucks Hospital, Aylesbury.
Tindal General Hospital, Aylesbury.
Stoke Mandeville, Ministry of Pensions Hospital, Aylesbury.

Tuberculosis.

A residential property known as Redfields situated in Winslow has been acquired by the Bucks County Council for use as a Sanatorium.

Public Assistance.

There is a Public Assistance Institution in Winslow serving the Buckingham and Winslow District. Within the Institution is a maternity ward. There are also wards for feeble minded and mentally defective patients.

An Old Peoples Hostel is situated at Swanbourne.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES ACCOMMODATION.

Hospital accommodation for the district is provided at the Grove Hospital, Linslade, and by reciprocal arrangements when necessary, at Aylesbury Isolation Hospital, Booker Isolation Hospital, High Wycombe, or Slough Isolation Hospital, Cippenham.

TREATMENT OF VENERAL DISEASES.

The Bucks County Council are participants in the London and Home Counties Joint Scheme operated by the London County Council.

Full details of the hospitals within the Scheme, at any one of which patients from the County of Buckinghamshire can obtain treatment free of charge, may be obtained on application to the County Medical Officer of Health, County Offices, Aylesbury.

LOCAL FACILITIES FOR TREATMENT.

Royal Bucks Hospital, Aylesbury. The days and times for attendance are as follows:-

Males	Monday Evenings. Thursday Evenings.
Females	Monday Evenings. Thursday Evenings.

PREVELANCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

During the year 16 cases were reported:-

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1947.

	Civilian.	Non-civilian.	Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	4	-	-
Diphtheria	1	-	-
Measles	2	-	-
Pneumonia	3	-	5
Whooping Cough	5	-	-
Dysentery	1	-	-

Tuberculosis (respiratory) New Cases. None.

ANALYSIS OF DEATHS.

Tuberculosis	2
Syphilitic Diseases	-
Influenza	-
Cancer (all sites)	13
Diabetes	-
Intra. Cranial Vascular Lesions	15
Heart Disease	39
Other Disease of Circ. System	5
Bronchitis	14
Pneumonia	5
Other Respiratory Diseases	1
Other Digestive Diseases	4
Nephritis	2
Premature Birth	2
Con. mal. birth inj. infant dis.	1
Other Violent Causes	2
All Other Causes	9
Other Maternal Causes.	1
	<u>115</u>

Mr. Chairman, Madam & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report for the year 1947.

During this year, with the help of Mr. P. Clarke who has returned from H.M. Services, it has been possible to reorganise the department generally, and the ensuing allocation of duties, and attention to routine inspections has shown a gradual progress that was not attainable throughout the war years.

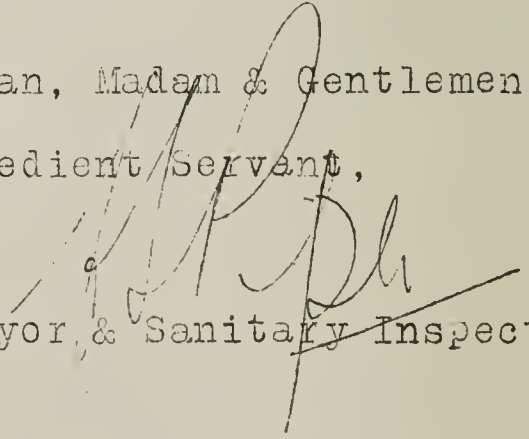
Undoubtedly the main Public Health problems in this Council's area arise from the lack of proper sewerage facilities. Provision of the Council's proposed schemes will mark a very considerable advance in the standard of the Sanitary circumstances of this district.

I would like to record my sincere appreciation of the support and help offered to me by all members of the Council and staff during the past year.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Madam & Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,


Surveyor & Sanitary Inspector.

WATER SUPPLIES.

The following new connections to the Bucks Water Board Mains have been reported during 1947.

Dunton	2	Nash	3
East Claydon	3	Newton Longville	4
Granborough	2	North Marston	3
Great Horwood	8	Swanbourne	2
Hoggeston	2	Stewkley	9
Mursley	3	Whaddon	4
		Winslow	20

Of these, 7 properties were connected following the service of Statutory Notices. 8 others were the result of informal action from this department. Doubtful domestic supplies are sampled whenever reported.

MEAT AND FOODS.

Routine inspections of food shops shows a good average standard of cleanliness. Certificates of condemnation have been issued covering approximately 560 lbs. These were chiefly in respect of tinned goods or bacon.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

Sewer ditches have been periodically cleared out. Approximately 250 yards of offensive ditches have been piped in.

The Sewage disposal works throughout the district receive routine maintenance and inspection, and with the exception of the one or two obsolete works which will be replaced by future schemes they are generally satisfactory.

It must be noted, however, that the rapidly increasing number of housing estates is giving rise to additional isolated Disposal works and the circumstances are such, that in the near future consideration will have to be given to the formation of a mobile squad of workmen provided with suitable transport whose job it will be, to maintain the scattered Sewage disposal works, and prevent them falling into disrepair.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

The direct labour scheme put into force by the Council at the end of 1947 shows excellent results and both the collection and control of tipping has improved considerably. The Winslow tip will shortly be completely filled, when all disposal for the area will be concentrated at Little Horwood.

As from the commencement of this scheme Salvaging of suitable materials has been in progress.

RURAL HOUSING SURVEY.

Progress is being made in the survey of all working class dwellings. To date the percentages are as follows:-

Category I.	Fit in all respects.	30%
" II.	Minor repairs required.	23%
" III.	Major repairs required.	36%
" IV.	Suitable for reconstruction under R.W. Acts.	4%
" V.	Not repairable at reasonable expense.	7%

MILK AND DAIRIES.

Routine inspection of milking premises and collaboration with the Bucks Agricultural Executive Committee has resulted in a fair amount of improvement. There is an encouraging tendency for more milk producers to go in for designated milk and every assistance is given in such cases.

In many cases, however, inspection has also revealed a very low standard of both building and cleanliness. The Milk and Dairies register is being brought up to date (following the many changes during the war years) and every effort will be made to improve the present standard where necessary.

RODENT CONTROL.

In view of the very Rural nature of this area, which is predominately agricultural, the most effective method of control has been found to be provided by close liason with the Pest Destruction Department of the Bucks Agricultural Executive Committee.

All cases of infestation are notified to this department who take immediate steps and who are able to tackle the problems in the light of their general schemes for that area.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTIONS.

The following miscellaneous inspections were carried out in 1947.

Water Supplies.....	58
Milk and Dairies.....	53
Sewers and Drains.....	94
Refuse tips (including salvage).....	106
Nuisances abated.....	35
Inspection re sanitary accommodation.....	43
Factories and Workshops.....	34
Bakehouses.....	16
Housing.....	210
W.C. Conversions.....	12
Infectious Disease visits.....	14

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